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GARY A. SCHELLER
Director, UOVC

CVRA Board Meeting
Utah State Capitol
Capitol Board Room
350 State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah
June 27, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes Brooks Keeshin
2. UOVC Outreach Program Presentation Hilde Koenig
3. State Victim Services Funding Recommendations Tallie Viteri
4. Federal Victim Services Funding Recommendations Tallie Viteri/Grant Team
 - a. VAWA Moriah Pease
 - b. SASP Melissa Wayment
 - c. VOCA Dale Oyler
- Lunch
5. Financial Update Mark Petersen
6. Advocacy Center Funding Request Rose Smith, Melanie Scarlet
7. Subrogation Case Number 1072548 Melanie Scarlet, Dallas Fawson
8. Mental Health Extensions Melanie Scarlet
9. Mental Health Proposed Rule Change Melanie Scarlet
10. Next Meeting September 12, 2023
11. Adjourn

CVRA BOARD MEETING

Anchor Location
350 E 500 S Ste 200
Salt Lake City, Utah
Virtual Meeting
March 14, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Brooks Keeshin, MD*

Anna Lieber*

Steve O'Camb

Troy Rawlings*

Julee Smith*

Vickie Walker*

Jeanetta Williams*

Gary Scheller

Melanie Scarlet

Lana Taylor, AG's Office*

Bethany Warr, AG's Office *

*Joined Meeting Virtually

Mark Petersen

Dallas Fawson

Rose Gomez*

Denette Stanger

Melissa Wayment*

Tallie Viteri

Dale Oylar*

Hilde Koenig*

Vickie Bushman

Tisha Littlewood*

Tammy Talbot*

Christina Perry Rock*

Lupe Gutierrez*

Claudia Leon*

Connie Wettlaufer

Madi Radcliff

Bri Talbot*

Moriah Pease*

Dr. Keeshin convened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Brooks Keeshin

A motion was made by Julee Smith, seconded by Anna Lieber, to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes as written. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.

2. Legislative Update

Gary Scheller

Gary provided a summary of the following three bills from the 2023 Legislative Session that will have a primary impact on UOVC.

- A. HB19 defines a rape crisis center as a nonprofit entity that assists victims of sexual assault and victims' families by offering sexual assault intervention, medical and legal services and counseling through a sexual assault counselor. It defines a sexual assault counselor as an individual who is employed by or volunteers at a rape crisis and services center and has a minimum of 40 hours of training in counseling and in assisting victims of sexual assault. Gary said that the bill is in place and clarifies that a Rape Crisis Center is a non-governmental entity that is a community based non-profit entity that specializes in providing services to victims of rape and sexual assault.
- B. HB297 Victim Services Amendment modifies provisions related to certain victims of sexual crimes including abortion based upon rape or incest. The bill modifies UOVC's statute providing health care for a victim of sexual assault who becomes pregnant from the sexual assault for the duration of the victim's pregnancy and for the victim and the victim's child for one year after the child is born. The bill defines an assault with information on how to access free emergency contraception and other services.
- C. HB244 addresses the Utah Victim Services Commission and victim services. The bill modifies the membership of multiple councils and commissions, creates the Victim Services Restricted Account and creates the Utah Victim Services Commission. The bill will provide State funding to victim services on a yearly basis. Gary said this is historic and will provide a lot of revenue each year across all the entities in State dollars.
- D. Lana gave an update on HB50 that amends provisions regarding financial obligations owed by a defendant because of a criminal sentence.

3. State Funding of Victim Services Gary Scheller
Gary talked about the request for State funding needed to support three areas. Rachelle Hill's Training Coordinator position, Vickie Bushman's Liaison Coordinator position and the cost to pay for the Attorney General's staff that work on restitution collection and other issues. UOVC was granted one time money from the General Fund for the attorneys and one other staff position, ongoing funds from the Trust Fund for the training coordinator position and the victim liaison position and UOVC received an extension on the Liaison Grant. Mark discussed the data on the financial charts he provided. He said the charts are a starting point and can be tweaked in any way the Board would like to see.
4. Subrogation Claims Melanie Scarlet, Dallas Fawson
Anna Lieber made a motion, seconded by Julee Smith, to close the meeting to discuss a claim where the medical or mental health of an individual will be addressed. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.

A motion was made by Anna Lieber, seconded by Julee Smith, to reopen the meeting. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.

Dallas Fawson presented claim numbers 1068106, 1073875 and 1085340 in the open meeting. Claim number 1075397 was discussed in the closed portion of the Board meeting.
 - A. 1068106 A motion was made by Steve O'Camb, seconded by Anna Lieber, to accept the recommendation of the staff to do a full waiver on this claim. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.
 - B. 1073875 A motion was made by Steve O'Camb, seconded by Vickie Walker, to grant a full waiver on this claim. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.
 - C. 1075397 A motion was made by Julee Smith that the Board accept the recommendation to approve a full waiver on claim number 1075397. An amendment to the motion was made by Anna Lieber, seconded by Steve O'Camb, that the Board accept the full waiver, consider the victim's reduction in earning as an extenuating circumstance under R270-1-10, waive the collateral source requirement and keep the claim open. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.
 - D. 1085340 A motion was made by Julee Smith, seconded by Anna Lieber, to agree to reduce the lien to \$4,026.79 and to keep the claim open. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.
5. Mental Health Extension Update Melanie Scarlet
Melanie reported that UOVC received 11 mental health extension requests in the last quarter. Of the 11, only two were denied because no extenuating circumstances were listed to support the requests. Melanie said that staff will reach out to those providers to discuss the denial and see if they could help the provider to determine if they might have overlooked anything that UOVC could consider.

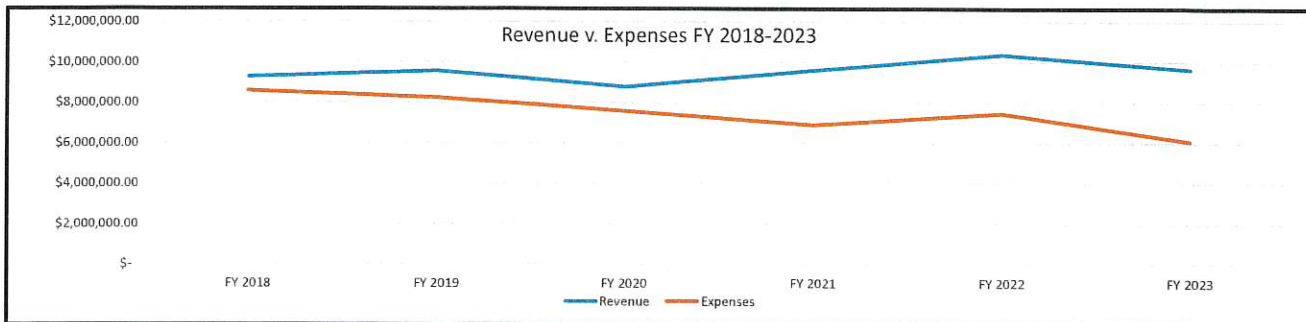
6. Advocacy Center Emergency Funding Update Melanie Scarlet
Rose gave the VOCA required Bi-Annual Report for the Advocacy Center. She talked about the program plan for the advocacy center, the Enhanced Program and fund utilization. A detailed handout of her presentation was provided. Rose said the Administrative Rule that allowed the allocation of \$75,000 from the Trust Fund to the Advocacy Center for the Enhancement Program became effective on February 15 and they had just started to use those funds. Melanie mentioned that they would be applying for grant funding during the next grant cycle.
7. Outreach Grant Report Hilde Koenig
Hilde, UOVC's Outreach Program Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted all main outreach areas the program has been involved with since her last report. They included the Victim Resource Connect program, Crime Victim/Witness Complaints, education on victims' rights and the complaint process, Civil Rights Discrimination Complaints, underserved communities, training and technical assistance, and the National Crime Victims' Rights week events planned for this year. Resource Connect now has over 110 languages available and can be streamed to a phone or computer. In the past 10 months it has had 2300 users, 6008 page views and about 2935 sessions. The top five concerns searched were compensation, victim of crime, civil and legal, criminal justice and financial. Regarding victim witness complaints, there have been 26 complaints received. She is working on updating the complaint so it can be completed online. Hilde will continue to put her all into reaching out through public awareness, education, providing training on all the outreach subjects and technical assistance statewide. Her approach is that education is power, and she is devoted to educating people regarding the outreach process.
8. Tooele DV Shelter Update Denette Stanger
Denette gave a brief history of the Pathways Domestic Shelter in Tooele. Pathways provides emergency shelter for individuals and families in a homelike environment for clients staying in the shelter. It has been managed by different providers over the years. It is currently managed by the Switchpoint organization who mainly help the homeless population. Switchpoint has recently informed the DHHS, UOVC and Pathways that they would like to transfer the operation of the domestic violence shelter to the South Valley Sanctuary. South Valley Sanctuary has secured the DHS contract and they will be legally acquiring the Pathways Shelter from Switchpoint no later than May 1, 2023. Denette said the reason they brought this issue to the Board was to get approval to move the funds from the Switchpoint grant award to the South Valley Sanctuary. It is a large amount of money and the grant team would need Board approval. Tallie said this would be a better fit for Tooele because they will be taken over by a domestic violence shelter. Dale said he can see the Tooele Shelter closing if South Valley Sanctuary does not take it over. **A motion was made by Steve O'Camb, seconded by Julie Smith, to approve up to a \$60,000 VOCA fund allocation to South Valley Sanctuary to be used for the operation of the Tooele Pathways shelter. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.**
9. 2024-2025 Victim Services Funding Plan Tallie Viteri
Tallie gave a PowerPoint presentation titled the UOVC FY24/FY25 Funding Plan. She said she would provide the link to the presentation. She talked in detail about most of the topics covered in the report. Tallie said the presentation would provide a heads up to the Board members in advance of the June meeting where the grant team will go into more detail regarding the plan. Tallie also talked about each of the different grant programs outlined in the slides. The PowerPoint will be posted with the handouts on the Utah Public Notice Website.
10. Next Meeting June 27, 2023.
11. Meeting Adjourned.

Revenue	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Fines Surcharge 2650	\$ 5,921,369.80	\$ 5,740,531.00	\$ 5,290,105.38	\$ 6,113,546.00	\$ -	\$ -	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,419,500.00	\$ 6,501,300.00	Yearly allocation
Inmate Withholdings 2651	\$ 200,775.64	\$ 202,556.67	\$ 93,868.97	\$ 76,596.46	\$ 89,449.93	\$ 52,201.38	YTD actual
Other/Misc 2652	\$ 10,079.45	\$ 98,551.72	\$ -	\$ 1,099.85	\$ 3,054.78	\$ 5,586.82	YTD actual
Subrogation 2653	\$ 79,398.55	\$ 135,329.42	\$ 90,287.10	\$ 144,668.58	\$ 58,405.86	\$ 18,788.21	YTD actual
Restitution 2654	\$ 511,331.80	\$ 658,973.06	\$ 907,638.65	\$ 1,136,218.77	\$ 1,092,249.72	\$ 728,481.37	YTD actual
Diversion 2655				\$ 9,880.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00	YTD actual
Interest 1600/2601	\$ 41,978.19	\$ 80,283.93	\$ 87,311.62	\$ 29,944.53	\$ 36,564.04	\$ 181,044.12	YTD actual
Grants 3028	\$ 2,530,800.00	\$ 2,657,450.00	\$ 2,320,850.00	\$ 2,093,000.00	\$ 2,687,000.00	\$ 2,168,000.00	Yearly allocation
Total	\$ 9,295,733.43	\$ 9,573,675.80	\$ 8,790,061.72	\$ 9,604,954.19	\$ 10,386,224.33	\$ 9,655,576.90	

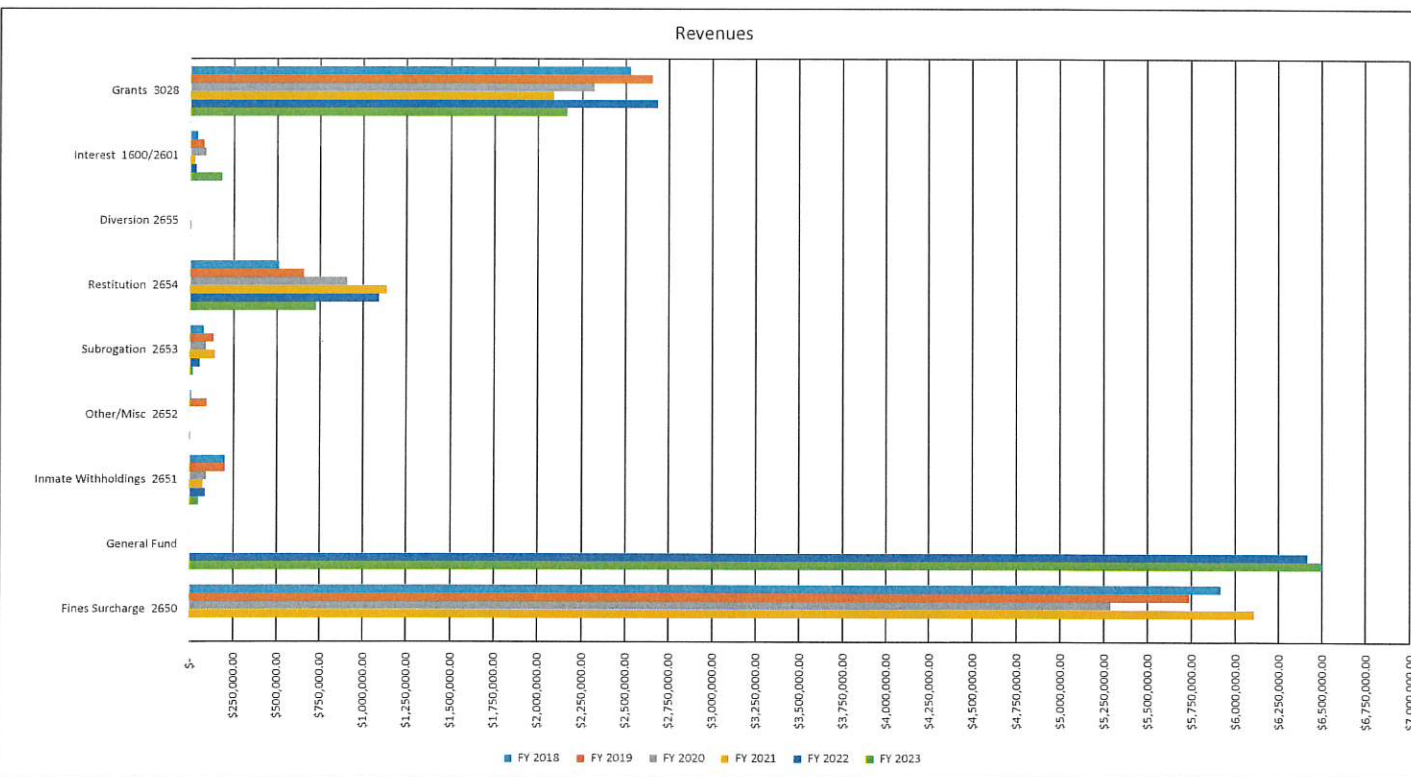
Expenses	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Dental	\$ 182,542.95	\$ 146,822.73	\$ 153,886.02	\$ 96,358.24	\$ 74,398.72	\$ 33,596.99	YTD actual
Rent Deposit	\$ 174,608.11	\$ 130,733.63	\$ 132,388.16	\$ 101,834.48	\$ 86,969.60	\$ 64,009.39	YTD actual
Economic Loss	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	YTD actual
Essential Personal Property	\$ 7,788.01	\$ 7,665.28	\$ 8,536.64	\$ 4,657.59	\$ 13,126.22	\$ 6,074.79	YTD actual
Funeral Travel	\$ 10,040.46	\$ 2,841.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	YTD actual
Funeral & Burial	\$ 265,463.89	\$ 363,186.64	\$ 245,689.11	\$ 243,304.05	\$ 315,228.95	\$ 197,917.84	YTD actual
Independent Medical	\$ -	\$ 2,086.02	\$ 3,345.05	\$ 3,049.15	\$ 1,993.60	\$ 989.75	YTD actual
Insurance Premium/Spenddowns	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,122.20	\$ -	YTD actual
Inpatient Counseling	\$ 122,785.37	\$ 117,065.48	\$ 105,623.48	\$ 50,912.74	\$ 75,563.24	\$ 27,109.94	YTD actual
Loss of Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	YTD actual
Loss of Wages	\$ 451,407.28	\$ 418,997.29	\$ 306,392.02	\$ 313,329.94	\$ 422,628.86	\$ 332,462.15	YTD actual
Medically Necessary Devices	\$ 22,598.96	\$ 45,624.67	\$ 9,681.38	\$ 14,557.70	\$ 17,546.47	\$ 13,725.41	YTD actual
Medical	\$ 1,010,609.56	\$ 694,840.17	\$ 576,121.01	\$ 669,653.45	\$ 551,782.76	\$ 366,525.25	YTD actual
Medical Facility	\$ 2,039,438.34	\$ 1,701,822.96	\$ 1,484,691.10	\$ 956,702.50	\$ 1,236,460.34	\$ 978,085.12	YTD actual
Mental Health	\$ 869,343.10	\$ 1,007,362.46	\$ 753,214.61	\$ 709,459.77	\$ 622,929.45	\$ 483,677.81	YTD actual
Pharmacy Mental Health	\$ 2,246.02	\$ 1,208.45	\$ 1,402.31	\$ 3,487.07	\$ 2,366.88	\$ (1,028.88)	YTD actual
Pharmacy Medical	\$ 14,541.52	\$ 7,719.63	\$ 2,780.47	\$ 2,874.75	\$ 1,122.42	\$ 4,604.93	YTD actual
Residential/Day Treatment	\$ 37,756.20	\$ 94,873.62	\$ 31,232.97	\$ 62,912.49	\$ 31,085.76	\$ 19,861.46	YTD actual
Relocation	\$ 87,734.13	\$ 80,622.44	\$ 84,767.12	\$ 48,064.73	\$ 59,960.34	\$ 53,621.46	YTD actual
Rehabilitative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	YTD actual
Replacement Services	\$ 8,416.24	\$ 19,313.60	\$ 9,901.50	\$ -	\$ 5,269.03	\$ 30,074.00	YTD actual
Security	\$ 18,598.27	\$ 26,933.63	\$ 28,322.71	\$ 31,347.96	\$ 40,322.38	\$ 30,706.06	YTD actual
Travel & Mileage	\$ 59,274.05	\$ 47,340.75	\$ 45,438.60	\$ 16,718.00	\$ 9,450.78	\$ 15,956.47	YTD actual
Emergency Assistance (75K)						\$ 8,789.00	YTD actual
Sub-Total	\$ 5,385,692.46	\$ 4,917,061.22	\$ 3,983,414.26	\$ 3,329,224.61	\$ 3,595,328.00	\$ 2,666,758.94	

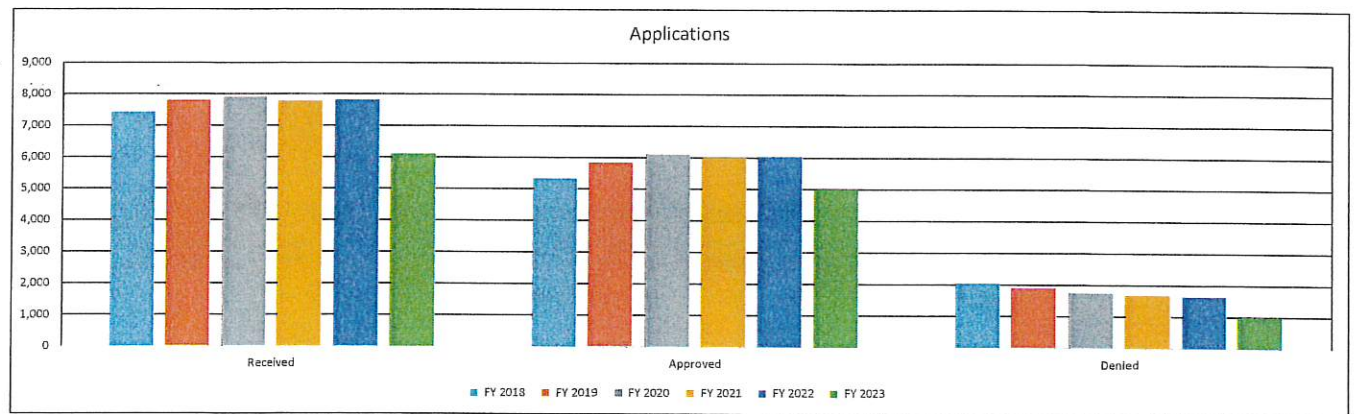
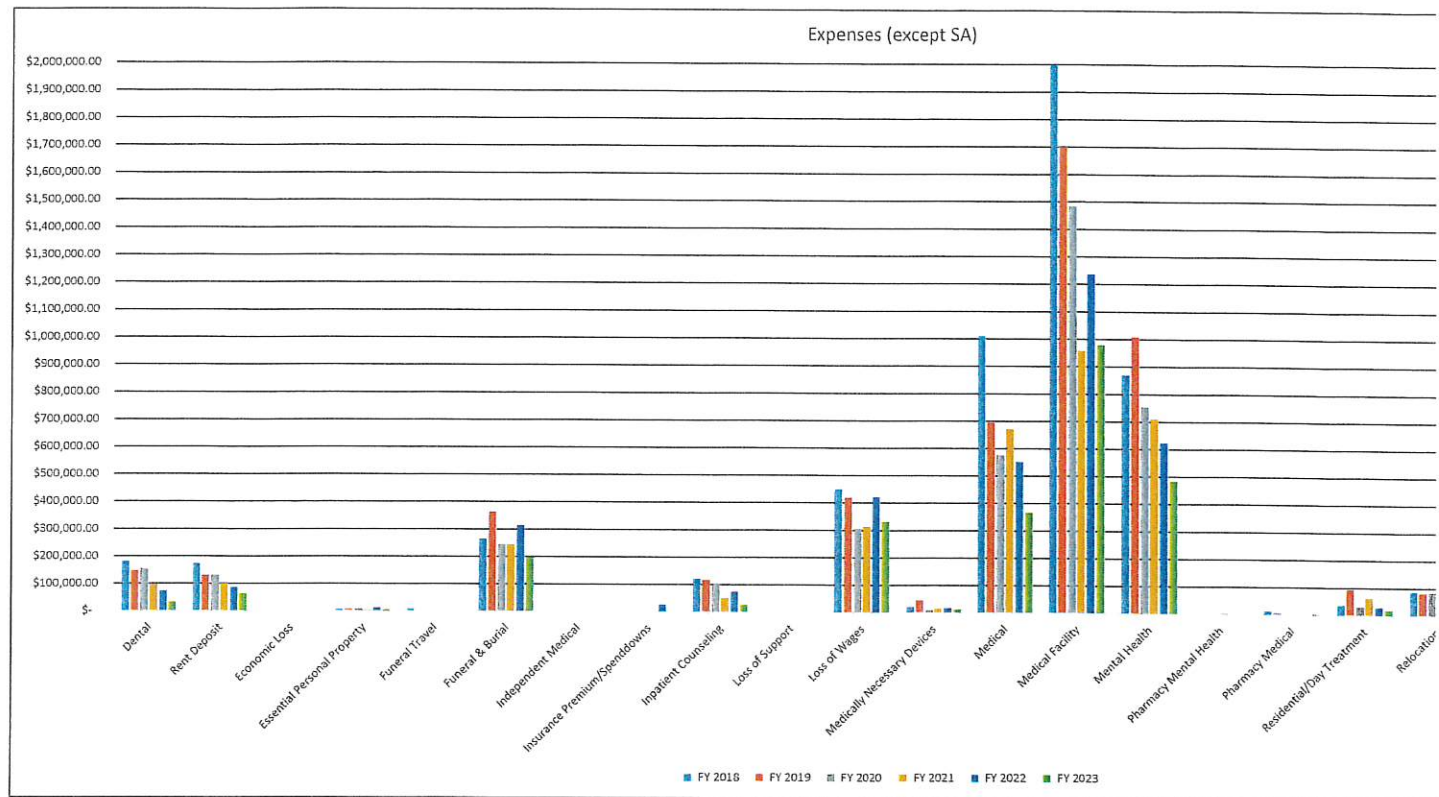
Expenses	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Sexual Assault Examinations	\$ 24,823.97	\$ (1,344.62)	\$ (278.64)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	YTD actual
SA Evidence Collection	\$ 425,642.37	\$ 432,013.93	\$ 505,147.50	\$ 485,126.79	\$ 451,068.57	\$ 378,328.00	YTD actual
SA Patient Care	\$ 534,757.34	\$ 542,857.98	\$ 635,033.33	\$ 621,717.32	\$ 569,089.04	\$ 456,117.77	YTD actual
SA Facility	\$ 127,010.22	\$ 117,224.17	\$ 150,564.10	\$ 129,938.36	\$ 124,765.10	\$ 93,024.22	YTD actual
SA HIV Meds	\$ 127,450.59	\$ 80,053.16	\$ 106,526.54	\$ 76,117.35	\$ 31,311.68	\$ 29,918.23	YTD actual
SA Labs	\$ 62,873.32	\$ 67,409.31	\$ 70,528.99	\$ 66,484.26	\$ 54,505.24	\$ 43,732.36	YTD actual
SA RX Non HIV	\$ 49,285.87	\$ 61,443.07	\$ 69,519.45	\$ 58,563.54	\$ 38,077.78	\$ 23,381.68	YTD actual
Sexual Assault - Total	\$ 1,351,843.68	\$ 1,299,657.00	\$ 1,537,041.27	\$ 1,437,947.62	\$ 1,268,817.41	\$ 1,024,502.26	

Benefits Total	\$ 6,737,536.14	\$ 6,216,718.22	\$ 5,520,455.53	\$ 4,767,172.23	\$ 4,864,145.41	\$ 3,691,261.20	
Audit	\$ 581.80	\$ 563.13	\$ 578.11	\$ 491.84	\$ 1,084.05	\$ -	
Administrative	\$ 1,849,842.94	\$ 2,019,755.70	\$ 2,067,216.61	\$ 2,131,843.00	\$ 2,612,175.84	\$ 2,391,493.48	YTD actual
Total	\$ 8,587,960.88	\$ 8,237,037.05	\$ 7,588,250.25	\$ 6,899,507.07	\$ 7,477,405.30	\$ 6,082,754.68	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 707,772.55	\$ 1,336,638.75	\$ 1,201,811.47	\$ 2,705,447.12	\$ 2,908,819.03	\$ 3,572,822.22	



Applications	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Received	7440	7795	7907	7782	7816	6114	YTD
Approved	5340	5829	6114	6005	6046	5001	YTD
Denied	2047	1899	1746	1682	1648	1008	YTD





Claim # 1072548

- 1. Crime Type:** Sexual Assault
- 2. UOVC Paid:** \$4,070.56
- 3. Restitution Ordered to UOVC:** \$0.00 (Restitution hearing on 7/6/23)
- 4. Crime Summary:** The Suspect in this case was the Victim's supervisor at the University of Utah. He sexually assaulted her numerous times between 2018 and 2019 and threatened to fire her if she reported it. He was convicted of Battery.
- 5. Claim Closure Date:** 8/4/2023
- 6. Claim Financial Information:**
 - \$25,000 available on claim
 - Paid \$2,020.56 in lost wages to the Victim
 - Paid \$2,050.00 in therapy costs
 - Total: \$4,070.56**
- 7. Claimant Request:** Full waiver
- 8. Money Claimant Has Received and/or is Expecting to Receive from Other Sources:**

Total amount received from the University of Utah was **\$42,000.00**. After attorney fees and costs, the Victim received **\$20,414.00**.
- 9. Claimant Additional Expenses:**

• UOVC lien	\$4,070.56
• Lost Wages	\$1,010.16+
• Therapy	\$2,320.00
Total	\$7,400.72
- 10. Total Going to Claimant After Expenses:**

• <u>Full waiver:</u>	\$17,083.84
• <u>40% waiver:</u>	\$15,455.62
• <u>No waiver:</u>	\$13,013.28
- 11. Additional Money Received by Claimant:**
 - \$0.00
- 12. Comment**
 - UOVC paid the Victim 12 weeks of lost wages at 2/3rds of income missed. The \$1,010.16 listed under Additional Expenses is for the remaining 1/3rd that UOVC was not able to pay in this timeframe. The Victim was diagnosed with PTSD after the crime and has reported difficulty maintaining a job since then, but there is no way to calculate an exact amount of lost income resulting from the crime.

- The Victim had to discontinue trauma therapy due to financial constraints.
- The Victim's attorney charged a 40% fee rather than the standard 33% fee, which is the basis for the consideration of a 40% waiver.

13. UOVC's Recommendation:

UOVC recommends a full waiver and keeping the claim open for the victim's additional needs.

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1085018 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	Suicidal Ideation	8 Sessions	25 Sessions	Just above poverty line and providing financial support for 5 disabled children. Offender is victim's original therapist.
1084702 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	Suicidal Ideation	25 Sessions	25 sessions	
1063918 DV	Secondary	None Identified	25 Sessions	No	
1077506 Stalking	Secondary	Single parent due to crime & sole supporter of 5 disabled children	15 Sessions	15 Sessions	
1082040 Assault	Primary	Ongoing DOPL investigation victim: autism/intellectual delays	25 Sessions	25 Sessions	
1074692 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	Ongoing Court	48 sessions	25 sessions	
1078608 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	successful reintegration in school	25 Sessions	25 Sessions	
1082574 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	Ongoing Court	15 Sessions	25 Sessions	
1083487 Agg Assault	Primary	None Identified	10 Sessions	25 Sessions	
1071557 Domestic Violence	Primary	None Identified	15 sessions	No	If we could recommend another therapist we would do so Ditto to statement above
1067961 Domestic Violence	Primary	Ongoing Court	25 sessions	25 sessions	
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1080303 Rape	Primary	Maintain employment	25 sessions	25 sessions	
1068010 Sexual Assault	Primary	None Identified	12 sessions	No	
1074804 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	None Identified	16 sessions	No	
1084037 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	None Identified	12 sessions	No	If we could recommend another therapist we would do so Victim has 5 other claims dating back to 10/8/15 and we have paid 125 sessions to date beterm her claims.
1077206 Sexual Assault	Primary	Ongoing Court	25 sessions	25 sessions	
1072060 Domestic Violence	Primary	None Identified	25 sessions	No	
1079946 Sexual Assault	Primary	None Identified	25 sessions	No	victim switched providers to receive evidenced based tx
1073709 PO Violation	Primary	None Identified	25 sessions	No	
1075760 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	Ongoing Court	25 sessions	25 sessions	
1085910 Homicide related	Primary	lives close to offender's family	25 session	25 sessions	
1073408 Child Sex Abuse	Primary	switched providers	9 sessions	25 sessions	

Request to modify payment amounts for outpatient behavioral health sessions.

1. Remove \$300 intake rate.
2. Remove \$2500 max for primary victim sessions. Keep session limit at 25.
3. Remove \$1250 max for secondary victim sessions. Keep session limit at 15.
4. Pay outpatient behavioral health sessions at PEHP rate rather than the 70/90/130 (per session) current rate.
5. Request to allow interns to provide behavioral health services. Current rule excludes them.

Rate Comparison:

LCSW/CMHC/LMFT	90837	90834
UOVC	\$70	\$70
PEHP	\$117	\$79
Medicaid	\$147.97	\$118.90
Psychologist		
UOVC	\$90	\$90
PEHP	\$117	\$79
Medicaid	\$147.97	\$118.90
Psychiatrist		
UOVC	\$130	\$130
PEHP	\$117	\$79
Medicaid	\$147.97	\$118.90

Rate of MH benefit usage for UOVC claims:

FY 22		
# Of Claims With MH Benefit	# Of Claims MH Paid On	Total # Of MH Payments
4390	449	1623
FY21		
# Of Claims With MH Benefit	# Of Claims MH Paid On	Total # of MH Payments
4361	515	2184
FY20		
# Of Claims With MH Benefit	# Of Claims MH Paid On	Total # Of MH Payments
4719	626	3126

Board Meeting 6/27/23

Suggested attestation language:

"For the CVR case attached to the treatment plan, our clinic provides:

1. Weekly, direct/virtual 1:1 supervision with the intern by a clinician who is licensed in their field for at least 2 years, and whose license with DOPL allows them to provide clinical supervision to this intern.
2. A fully licensed behavioral health provider is on site during times of service to support the intern in any urgent /crisis specific issues."

Attachments:

Lana's breakdown of rule changes.

Letter of support from RRC.

Letter of support from CJC.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PAYMENT OF COUNSELLING COSTS

CURRENT PROGRAM	PROPOSED CHANGES	RESULT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300/hr for an initial evaluation. • \$130/hr for individual or family therapy, \$65/hr for group therapy performed by a licensed psychiatrists. • \$90/hr for individual or family therapy, \$45/hr for group therapy performed by a licensed psychologists. • \$70/hr for individual and family therapy, \$35/hr for group therapy performed by a licensed master's level therapist or an APRN. 	Use the PEHP rate for the payment of mental health therapy.	
\$62.50 paid per 30 minute session for medication management.	Use the PEHP rate for the payment of medication management appointments.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lesser of 25 sessions or \$2,500 for primary victims. • The lesser of 15 sessions or \$1,250 for secondary victims. 	Only pay for the specified number of therapy sessions and eliminate the alternative amount that may be paid.	
Therapy provided by student interns is not eligible for reimbursement.	Therapy provided by student interns may be reimbursed if the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • student is in training in a recognized school; • student's activities are supervised by qualified faculty, staff, or designee; • student's activities are a defined part of the training program; and • student's supervisor signs the form created by the office attesting that the supervisor had overseen the student's work. 	



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April 17, 2023

Dear Utah Office for Victims of Crime Board,

As the Executive Director of Utah's only standalone Rape Crisis Center, I am writing to express our organization's strong support for increasing therapy rates for Crime Victims' Reparations (CVR) in Utah. Additionally, we support the coverage being extended to cover therapy provided by supervised clinical interns. We have seen firsthand the transformative power of therapy for survivors of sexual assault and we believe that increasing access to therapy is critical to promoting healing and recovery.

Survivors and Victims of sexual assault experience a range of physical, emotional, and psychological symptoms that can significantly impact their daily lives. Therapy is an essential tool to help survivors manage these symptoms, process their trauma, and regain a sense of control and agency in their lives. Research shows that victims and survivors of sexual assault who receive trauma therapy experience a decrease in symptoms of depression and an increase in post-traumatic growth.

Unfortunately, many survivors of crime in Utah face significant barriers to accessing therapy, including financial constraints and a shortage of trained therapists who specialize in trauma work. The Rape Recovery Center often has a waitlist for therapy. Our advocates work with community-based providers to attempt to make referrals, but many of those providers cite the current rate of reimbursement as untenable for their practice. These barriers prevent survivors from receiving the care and support they need to heal and recover.

We strongly urge you to consider increasing therapy rates for victims of crime in Utah, while expanding coverage to clinical interns, as a means of improving the well-being and quality of life of all Utahns. By ensuring that survivors have access to the care and support they need, we can help to create stronger, healthier communities across the state.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and for your continued commitment to supporting victims of crime in Utah.

Sincerely,

Sonya Martinez-Ortiz, MSW, LCSW
Executive Director



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June 14, 2023

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Wendy Hendley and I am currently the Treatment Supervisor at the Utah County Children's Justice Center (CJC). As you may be aware, our center is a homelike facility which serves children and families who are experiencing the crisis and chaos that comes with the disclosure of significant abuse of a child. The center is designed to help children feel safe and comfortable so that they may begin to deal with the difficult, and often frightening issues that surround abuse.

My letter to your board is to support an increase in the reimbursement paid to therapists who are providing mental health treatment to vulnerable victims of crime, such as those who come through our Center every day. One of my tasks is to manage our office's therapy referral list. Therapists who are trauma-trained and are willing to accept CVR payments are eligible. We are currently experiencing great difficulty in finding therapists willing to be on our list, because of the rate of reimbursement. Many have stated that the current rates are well below industry standards, and they are not able to provide treatment to clients who are utilizing CVR funds for treatment.

I want to thank the Utah Office for Victims of Crime for their work helping families to have access to resources to help them heal after going through a traumatic event. Thank you for your consideration in making this change to benefit more victims on their healing journey here in Utah.

Thank you.

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Treatment Supervisor

